

We welcome you to worship the Living and Triune God. Christ is alive and with us in the power of the Spirit. Prayer and counsel are available after the service. You are called to be a follower of the Lord Jesus, a member of his people, and a participant in his mission to spread his kingdom and all its benefits. It's our main business as we serve the world from the center of Greenwood, SC.

**Sunday, March 23, 2014**

**Services at 8:30/11:00am**

**[www.msumc1.org](http://www.msumc1.org) and 92.9FM (WZLA) Sundays at noon**

**Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"**

# THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00 am

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Color: Purple

\*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

Large print hymnals, bulletins, and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

**"Greed believes the attractive lie that more stuff means more life."**

## ENTRANCE

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE** Pray as You Enter; Assume Silence at the Chiming

**TRINITY CHIME**

Ella Bassett

**PRELUDE** *A Lenten Prelude (Burkhardt)* Joyce Nickles: Guest Organist

**WELCOME AND SILENCE** Allie Williams: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

**\*LENTEN CALL TO WORSHIP** *Give Me Jesus* U.M. Worship & Song: 3140

**In the morning when I rise (3x)**

**Give me Jesus. (3x)**

**You may have all this world, give me Jesus.**

**Oh, when I come to die (3x)**

**Give me Jesus (3x)**

**You may have all this world, give me Jesus**

**\*GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, The Commandments Of God

As the friends of God, let us bless the Lord:

**Blessed be God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.**

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

"God spoke from the mountain and said:

'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me'."

**Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.**

"You shall not make for yourself an idol.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy."

**Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.**

“Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal.  
You shall not bear false witness.  
You shall not covet... anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

**Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.**

“Jesus said, ‘The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:  
The Lord our God is the only Lord.

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind and with all your strength.**

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.

**There is no other commandment greater than these.’”**

**\*PROCESSION HYMN, NO. 144**                      *This Is My Father's World*  
(Crucifer: Keaton Alexander, Acolytes: Ella Bassett, Spence Hagood)

**\*COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON . . . .** Based on Lk. 12:13-34

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

**From the desire that always lusts for more,  
from the miserly spirit that cannot be generous,  
and from the fear that motivates both,  
O Lord of abundance, deliver us from deadly sin of greed.  
Teach us the contentment that sinks deep into your provision  
and the ambition that aims at excellence rather than mere success.  
Call us forth into the risky zone of trust and obedience,  
there to discover the rich fellowship of the risen Jesus  
and the ecstatic energies of the Holy Spirit.  
Search our hearts and histories;  
bring to mind all that blocks our relationship with you,  
that we may confess it as unbelief and treason, abandon it with holy zeal,  
and turn again to you, the source of all forgiveness and life.  
Amen. (Silence is kept for confession. Pardon is announced.)**

**\*ACT OF PRAISE, No. 70**                      *Glory Be to the Father*  
**WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS**

**ON THE WITNESS STAND**                      *Child Evangelism Fellowship*                      Mary Beth West

## PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

**DRAMA**      *Christian and the Deadly Sin of Greed*      Jay Logan, Phil Saunders

**OLD TESTAMENT**      *The Greed and Judgment of Achan*      Joshua 7:1-26  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**  
(Pam Faulkner: Lay Reader)

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**      Phil Saunders  
**ANTHEM**      *Like As a Father (Luigi Cherubini)*      Chancel Choir  
Larry Moore: Director

**SERMON LESSON**      *Jesus and Paul on Greed*      Luke 12:13-34, 1 Cor. 5:9-13  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**      *Greed: When Enough Is Not*      Phil Thraillkill: Pastor  
*Am I a faithful steward? Do I trust God's goodness and generosity?*

## RESPONSES TO THE WORD

**\*HYMN OF SURRENDER, No. 399**      *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

**INVITATION, OFFERTORY**      *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*      Joyce Nickles: Organist

**\*DOXOLOGY, NO. 95**      *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## SENDING FORTH

**\*HYMN, No. 473**      *Lead Me, Lord*      Sung twice

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**      Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

**\*SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666**      *Shalom to You*

**\*POSTLUDE, TIME TO GREET A VISITOR!**      Joyce Nickles: Organist

**CHAPEL PRAYER TEAM**      Kit Adkins, Peggy Ackerman

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
in honor of Sandra Johnston's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 13 and in loving memory of  
Catherine S. Nicholson on her birthday, March 14, by Suzanne Nicholson.

Join us for a half hour of creative prayer on Thursdays at 6:30pm in the chapel.

**Sunday, March 30**      *Lust And The Craving for Intimacy*      **1 Cor. 6:12-20, Mt. 5:27-30**